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GOV. EASLEY TO HOLD MEDIA AVAILABILITY ON LOTTERY

Georgia Officials Meet With North Carolina Leaders to Discuss Success of Lottery for Education

RALEIGH – After a breakfast meeting with North Carolina Legislators and Georgia leaders, Gov. Mike Easley will hold a media availability on **Tuesday, July 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the Governor's Mansion located at 200 North Blount Street in Raleigh.** Officials from Georgia will be available to discuss their state's education lottery.

NOTE: Media should arrive at the front gates of the Governor's Mansion.

Present with Easley will be Rebecca Paul, President and CEO of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, and Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker.

Paul currently administers the successful Georgia lottery which brings in \$600 million a year for education initiatives, including a pre-kindergarten program open to all four-year olds in the state. She has directed lotteries in Florida and Illinois and is the past president of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries and a former president of the International Lottery Association. She also served as a representative on the Public Sector Gaming Commission formed by the National Council of Legislators from gaming states.

Baker has served as Georgia's attorney general since his appointment in 1997. From 1988 until 1997, Baker served as a legislator in the Georgia House of Representatives. In 1991, Baker was selected to serve as Assistant Administration House Floor Leader for Governor Zel Miller and was instrumental in enacting Georgia's education lottery.

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